

# THE FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Street School Families,

Thank you to everyone who replied a few weeks back for input into our new communication vehicle, a product of the School Council's work on our School Improvement Plan. We're really excited to get that rolling this week!

We have worked very hard over the last few years to examine our home-school connection, implementing new ways of communicating (we've got a new Floral Focus coming out soon dedicated to "School Operations") and adding more information to things like Curriculum Nights. Yet at School Council we still noticed that there was an opportunity to better share about occasional topics of interest, especially questions asked by some that are likely to be of interest to all.

So this week, we'll debut our pilot project for that communication vehicle. It's in the form of a blog, and you can find it here:

<http://floralstreet.blogspot.com/>

You can even "subscribe", so that when there's an update you'll know about it – check the bottom of the page.

One final note today – for the next week, I will be out of school after a surgery on my hip scheduled for this Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. **This gives me a great opportunity to speak with incredible admiration for the skill and presence of our assistant principal Lisa McCubrey. Floral Street is in the best of hands,** and we do have plans in place to provide some additional support for the week. I know I'll miss the kids and everything about Floral Street and plan to return the middle of next week.

Todd Curtis

Principal

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## **Guiding Good Choices Parent Workshop for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

A five-session workshop series called Guiding Good Choices® is being offered for the second time to parents/guardians of students in grades 4, 5, and 6. This program will be facilitated by the Shrewsbury Public Schools Health Education Department and has been funded by the Safe and Drug Free School, Title IV grant. These interactive workshops will present helpful family skills to enable you to work together and take action now to prevent your child from using drugs in the future.

In these lively, interactive workshops, you will learn practical skills to help you strengthen your relationship with your child and help him or her avoid drug use and other problems. This program is based on solid research and has a proven track record of effectiveness!

The workshops will be offered on the following dates: **March 30, April 6, April 13, April 27, and May 4 and will meet at Shrewsbury High School Media Center from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.** The program is developed with the expectation that Parents/Guardians attend all sessions. *Enrollment will be limited to 50 Participants*

For more information, call Patricia Degon, at 508-841-8856 or by email at [pdegon@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:pdegon@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

**TO REGISTER, call Kim Cantin at 508-841-8409 or by email at [kcantin@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:kcantin@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)** **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2011.**

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Our schedule during the upcoming MCAS administration will be turned upside-down. We could use a few volunteers to help with lunch and recess supervision, especially on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. If you are interested, please contact Lynda McBride in the main office or at [lmcbride@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:lmcbride@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us) - thank you!

### **Prepaid Lunches**

The Prepaid Lunch Plan is available for the 2010/2011 school year. Meals at the Elementary Schools cost **\$2.75**. Books of 20 - \$2.75 lunch tickets can be purchased for **\$55.00**. To purchase tickets send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your check for the number of books requested to: Shrewsbury School Food Service, 64 Holden Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Tickets will be mailed back to you. Tickets are non-refundable.

### **PTO Notes:**

#### **Literacy Night – SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Floral Street School will be hosting Literacy Night on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Please help us out by donating any gently used or new books to the book swap. We especially need books for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade level. There are bins set up in the school lobby labeled “Book Swap”. Any questions please email Maureen Harrington at [harringtonjm@verizon.net](mailto:harringtonjm@verizon.net). Thanks so much for your help!

#### **April Showers Calendar**

Our **April Shower Calendars** continue to be on sale. Each ticket has 30 chances to win money prizes with the Grand Prize of \$400.00. Winners will be announced on our Floral Street School Website and checks will be mailed during the first week of May. All ticket stubs and money should be returned by **Monday, March 28th**. Kindly make checks payable to: Floral Street School PTO. The first drawing will be held on Friday, April 1st. Any tickets received after the start will be added that day. Extra tickets are available in the main office. The student who sells the most tickets will receive a Floral Street School Sweatshirt!! For questions please feel free to contact Patti Wolohan at [wolohan5@townisp.com](mailto:wolohan5@townisp.com). Thank you for your support!!

#### **Worcester Sharks**

**Floral Street School** has teamed up with the **Worcester Sharks** and is happy to be part of **Shrewsbury Night** on Saturday, April 2nd. The Sharks will be playing the Providence Bruins. Game time is 7:00 pm at the DCU Center, Worcester. The Sharks will donate a portion of the proceeds directly to Floral Street School. Come and show your Shrewsbury and Floral Street School Spirit!!! Check your child's backpack for ticket order forms. Ticket cost is \$13.00. All

order forms and checks made payable to Floral Street School PTO have to be returned no later than **Monday, March 28th**. Tickets will sent home in your child's backpack on **Thursday, March 31st**. For questions please feel free to contact Patti Wolohan at [wolohan5@townisp.com](mailto:wolohan5@townisp.com). *Go Sharks!!*

**The Elementary Lunch Menu** can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/department/division.php?fDD=20-17>

**Important Dates:**

April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Literacy Night
April 18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	No School – Patriots Day & Spring Vacation
May 24, 25, 26	Fourth Grade Chorus Concerts
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Incoming Grade 5 Student & Parent Open House @ SMS

**MCAS Dates:**

March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Long Composition – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	ELA – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
March 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	ELA – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
May 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>	Math – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
May 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Math – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade

The full district school calendar is available at:

[http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197\\_585906.pdf](http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1276871197_585906.pdf)